

**Middle Tennessee Resource Guide to
the American Recovery and
Reinvestment Act of 2009**



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The USDA appropriated funds in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to expand existing initiatives and grant programs that could benefit Middle Tennessee residents and counties at large.

Below are the related USDA agencies and programs that received funding from the ARRA. With this money, each agency will be able to provide loans and/or grants to eligible recipients. Descriptions are included about who is eligible for assistance and how to apply.

Rural Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans Program (\$130 million)

Agency/Administrator:	USDA Rural Development Agency
Purpose:	Improve, develop, or finance business, industry, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities.
Description:	B&I loans bolster the existing private credit structure through the guarantee of quality loans which will provide lasting community benefits. The ARRA provides a loan level of \$2,990,000.
Eligibility:	Eligible recipients of B&I loans are cooperative organizations, corporations, partnerships, or other legal entities organized and operated on a profit or nonprofit basis; Indian tribes on a Federal or State reservation or other federally recognized tribal groups; a public body; or an individual.
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/b&i_gar.htm

Rural Business Enterprise Grants Program (\$20 million)

Agency/Administrator:	USDA Rural Development Agency
Purpose:	To promote business in rural America by working in partnership with private sector and community-based organizations to provide financial assistance and business planning. BCP helps fund projects that create or preserve quality jobs and/or promote a clean rural environment.

Description:	The Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEG) program provides grants for rural projects that finance and facilitate development of small and emerging rural businesses, helps fund distance learning networks, and helps fund employment related adult education programs. To assist with business development, RBEGs may fund a broad array of activities.
Eligibility:	The Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEG) program provides grants for rural projects that finance and facilitate development of small and emerging rural businesses, helps fund distance learning networks, and helps fund employment related adult education programs. To assist with business development, RBEGs may fund a broad array of activities.
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/rbeg.htm

Rural Community Facilities Loans Program (\$67 million)

Agency/Administrator:	USDA Rural Development Agency
Purpose:	To develop essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population.
Description:	Loan funds may be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and public services. This can include costs to acquire land needed for a facility, pay necessary professional fees, and purchase equipment required for its operation.
Eligibility:	Loans are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as to non-profit corporations and tribal governments. Applicants must have the legal authority to borrow and repay loans, to pledge security for loans, and to construct, operate, and maintain the facilities. They must also be financially sound and able to organize and manage the facility effectively.
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/brief_cp_direct.htm

Rural Community Facilities Grants Program (\$63 million)

Agency/Administrator:	USDA Rural Development Agency
Purpose:	The purpose of the Rural Community Facilities Grants Program is to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population.
Description:	Grant funds can be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and community and public services. This can include the purchase of equipment required for a facility's operation.
Eligibility:	Grants are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as non-profit corporations and tribal governments. In addition, applicants must have the legal authority necessary for construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facility and also be unable to obtain needed funds from commercial sources at reasonable rates and terms.
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/brief_cp_grant.htm

Direct Single Family Housing Loan Program (\$67 million)

Agency/Administrator:	USDA Rural Development Agency
Purpose:	The Section 502 Direct Single Family Housing Loan Program includes loans that are directly funded by the Government. These loans are available for low- and very low-income households to obtain homeownership.
Description:	Applicants may obtain 100% financing to purchase an existing dwelling, purchase a site and construct a dwelling, or purchase newly constructed dwellings located in rural areas. Mortgage payments are based on the household's adjusted income.
Eligibility:	Eligible applicants for direct loans must have very low or low incomes. Very low income is defined as below 50 percent of the area median income (AMI); low income is between 50 and 80 percent of AMI; moderate income is 80 to 100 percent of AMI. Families must also be without adequate housing, but be able to afford the mortgage payments, including taxes and insurance, which are typically within 22 to 26 percent of an applicant's income. However, payment subsidy is available to applicants to enhance repayment ability. Applicants must be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, yet have reasonable credit histories.
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/sfh/brief_rhdirect.htm

Section 502 Guaranteed Single Family Housing Loan Program (\$133 million)

Agency/Administrator:	USDA Rural Development Agency
Purpose:	The Section 502 Guaranteed Single Family Housing Loan Program was established to help low-income individuals or households purchase homes in rural areas.
Description:	Funds can be used to build, repair, renovate or relocate a home, or to purchase and prepare sites, including providing water and sewage facilities.
Eligibility:	Eligible applicants for loans may have an income of up to 115% of the median income for the area. Families must be without adequate housing, but be able to afford the mortgage payments, including taxes and insurance. In addition, applicants must have reasonable credit histories.
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/sfh/brief_rhguar.htm

Rural Water and Waste Disposal Direct Loan Program (\$412 million)

Agency/Administrator:	USDA Rural Development Agency
Purpose:	The purpose of the RUS's Rural Water and Waste Disposal Direct Loan Program is to develop water and waste disposal (including solid waste disposal and storm drainage) systems in rural areas and towns with a population not in excess of 10,000.
Description:	The Rural Utilities Service (RSU) of USDA-Rural Development provides loans, grants and loan guarantees for drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste and storm drainage facilities in rural areas and cities and towns of 10,000 or less.
Eligibility:	The funds are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, special-purpose districts, Indian tribes, and corporations not operated for profit. RUS also guarantees water and waste disposal loans made by banks and other eligible lenders.
Website:	http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/programs.htm

Rural Water & Waste Disposal Grants Program (\$968 million)

Agency/Administrator:	USDA Rural Development Agency
Purpose:	The purpose of the RUS's Rural Water & Waste Disposal Grants Program is to reduce water and waste disposal costs to a reasonable level for rural users.
Description:	Grants may be made for up to 75 percent of eligible project costs in some cases. The same types of applicants are eligible for grants as are for loans.
Eligibility:	The funds are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, special-purpose districts, Indian tribes, and corporations not operated for profit. RUS also guarantees water and waste disposal loans made by banks and other eligible lenders.
Website:	http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/programs.htm

Distance Learning and Telemedicine, & Broadband Access Programs (\$2.5 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	USDA Rural Development Agency
Distance Learning:	The Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program provides financial assistance to encourage and improve telemedicine services and distance learning services in rural areas through the use of telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents. Financial assistance is available through loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations.
Broadband Access:	The Broadband Access Loan program provides loans for funding the costs of construction, improvement, and acquisition of facilities to provide broadband service to eligible rural communities. Legally organized entities providing, or proposing to provide, broadband services in eligible rural communities are eligible for broadband access loans and loan guarantees. Legally organized entities providing, or proposing to provide, broadband services in eligible rural communities are eligible for broadband access loans and loan guarantees.
Eligibility:	Financial assistance is available through loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations.
Websites:	http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm , http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/broadband.htm

Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Programs (\$145 million)

Agency/Administrator:	USDA Rural Development Agency
Purpose:	The purpose of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention program, a voluntary program, is to provide assistance to sponsoring local organizations of authorized watershed projects, planned and approved under the authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (P.L. 83-566), and designated watersheds authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1944 (P.L. 78-534).
Description:	To implement authorized watershed project plans for the purpose of watershed protection; flood mitigation; water quality improvements; soil erosion reduction; rural, municipal and industrial water supply; irrigation water management; sediment control; fish and wildlife enhancement; and wetlands and wetland function creation and restoration.
Eligibility:	The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial assistance to States, local governments and Tribes (as project sponsors).
Website:	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/index.html

Emergency Watershed Protection Program, Floodplain Easement (\$145 million)

Agency/Administrator:	USDA Rural Development Agency
Purpose:	The purpose of the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program is to undertake emergency measures, including the purchase of floodplain easements, for runoff retardation and soil erosion prevention.
Description:	The ARRA provided the EWP program with funding to purchase floodplain easements, and in turn create jobs by restoring, protecting, maintaining, and enhancing the functions of the floodplain.
Eligibility:	Through the EWP program, NRCS may purchase easements on floodplain lands that meet program criteria. Purchases are based on established priorities. The easement provides NRCS with the authority to restore and enhance the floodplain's functions and values. Landowners retain several rights to the property, including quiet enjoyment, the right to control public access, and the right to undeveloped recreational use such as hunting and fishing.
Website:	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp/Floodplain

Watershed Rehabilitation Program (\$50 million)

Agency/Administrator:	USDA Rural Development Agency
Purpose:	The Watershed Rehabilitation Program was created to maintain and revitalize many of these deteriorating dams in the 47 states.
Description:	Local communities, with NRCS assistance, have constructed over 11,000 dams in 47 states since 1948 under the authority of four watershed construction programs (PL-534, PL-566, Pilot, and RC&D). Many of these dams are nearing the end of their 50-year design life.
Eligibility:	Any of the over 11,000 dams are eligible for assistance under this authority. Priority for funding of rehabilitation projects is based on a priority ranking system that considers the condition of the dam and number of people at risk if the dam should fail. NRCS may provide technical assistance and 65% of the total rehabilitation project cost.
Website:	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/WSRehab/

Federal Funds Administered by the State of Tennessee

School Lunch Program (\$100 million)

Agency/Administrator:	USDA
Purpose:	To carry out a grant program for National School Lunch Program equipment assistance.
Description:	Federal school meal program that provides nutritionally balanced low-cost or free lunches to children each school day.
Eligibility:	States will receive formula funding and provide competitive grants within the state.
Website:	http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch

U.S. Department of Commerce

[\(http://www.commerce.gov/\)](http://www.commerce.gov/)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act invests in Commerce Department programs to fund business development, innovative research, construction projects, and expand broadband services. These investments will in turn create jobs in a broad range of industries in Tennessee and around the country.

Information on two of the agencies and the programs that received funding can be found below. You will also find contact information for the Commerce Department's Regional Office, where you can find for more information about each program that received funding.

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (\$4.7 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Purpose:	ARRA allows the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) to provide funds to eligible entities to develop and expand broadband services to rural and underserved areas and improve access to broadband by public safety agencies.
Description:	The grant uses include the acquisition of equipment, instrumentation, networking capability, hardware and software; acquisition of network technology and infrastructure for broadband services; construction and deployment of broadband service-related infrastructure; deployment of broadband facilities to improve public safety communications; and facilitating access to broadband service by low-income, unemployed, aged and other vulnerable populations, and by community anchor institutions.
Eligibility:	States and political subdivisions; Indian tribes and native Hawaiian organizations; nonprofit foundations, corporations, institutions, or associations; and other entities, including broadband service providers, whose participation is determined to be in the public interest.
Website:	http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants/

EDA Public Works and Economic Development Program

Agency/Administrator:	Economic Development Administration (EDA)
Purpose:	The Public Works and Economic Development Program helps support the construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities necessary to generate or retain private sector jobs and investments, attract private sector capital, and promote regional competitiveness, including investments that expand and upgrade infrastructure to attract new industry, support technology-led development, redevelop brownfield sites and provide eco-industrial development.
Eligibility:	(i) District Organization; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.
Website:	http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/FFON.xml

EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance Program

Agency/Administrator:	Economic Development Administration (EDA)
Purpose:	The Economic Adjustment Assistance Program provides a wide range of technical, planning and infrastructure assistance in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. This program is designed to respond flexibly to pressing economic recovery issues and is well suited to help address challenges faced by U.S. regions and communities.
Eligibility:	(i) District Organization; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.
Website:	http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/FFON.xml

EDA Research and National Technical Assistance

Agency/Administrator:	Economic Development Administration (EDA)
Purpose:	The Research and National Technical Assistance Program supports research of leading, world class economic development practices, and funds information dissemination efforts.
Eligibility:	(i) District Organization; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.
Website:	http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/FFON.xml

EDA Local Technical Assistance

Agency/Administrator:	Economic Development Administration (EDA)
Purpose:	The Local Technical Assistance Program helps fill the knowledge and information gaps that may prevent leaders in the public and nonprofit sectors in economically distressed regions from making optimal decisions on local economic development issues.
Eligibility:	(i) District Organization; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.
Website:	http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/FFON.xml

EDA Planning Program

Agency/Administrator:	Economic Development Administration (EDA)
Purpose:	The Planning Program helps support planning organizations, including District Organizations and Indian Tribes, in the development, implementation, revision or replacement of comprehensive economic development strategies (CEDs), and for related short-term planning investments and State plans designed to create and retain higher-skill, higher-wage jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the nation's most economically distressed regions.
Eligibility:	(i) District Organization; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.
Website:	http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/FFON.xml

EDA University Center Economic Development Program

Agency/Administrator:	Economic Development Administration (EDA)
Purpose:	The University Center Economic Development Program is a partnership between the federal government and academia to help make the varied and vast resources of universities available to economic development communities.
Eligibility:	(i) District Organization; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.
Website:	http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/FFON.xml

EDA Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Program

Agency/Administrator:	Economic Development Administration (EDA)
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Purpose:	EDA administers the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Program through a national network of eleven Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers to help manufacturing and production firms, which have lost domestic sales and employment due to increased imports of similar or competitive goods, become more competitive in the global economy For more information about how to apply for these funds, contact the Atlanta Regional Office of EDA, which serves Tennessee.
Eligibility:	(i) District Organization; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.
Website:	http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/FFON.xml

U.S. Department of Defense

(<http://www.dod.gov>)

Near Term Energy Efficiency Technology Demonstrations and Research (\$300 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Department of Defense
Purpose:	\$75 million each will be allocated to Army, Air Force, Navy and Defense-Wide for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation projects, including pilot projects, demonstrations and energy efficient manufacturing enhancements.
Eligibility:	Funds are for improvements in energy generation and efficiency, transmission, regulation, storage, and for use on military installations and within operational forces. Funding is to include research and development of energy from fuel cells, wind, solar, and other renewable energy sources to include biofuels and bioenergy.
Website:	http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/

U.S. Department of Education
<http://www.ed.gov>

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides over \$100 billion for education. These funds will go to several existing education programs administered by the U.S. Department of Education, including programs authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and the Higher Education Act (HEA). The legislation also provides \$53.6 billion directly to states for an education stabilization fund to prevent education-related layoffs, upgrade, repair and modernize schools and restore harmful cuts to education funding.

Higher Education Tax Credit (\$13.9 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service
Purpose:	Under this new tax credit, taxpayers will receive a tax credit based on one hundred percent of the first \$2,000 of tuition and related expenses (including books) paid during the taxable year and twenty-five percent of the next \$2,000 of tuition and related expenses paid during the taxable year. Forty percent of the credit would be refundable. This tax credit will be subject to a phase-out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$80,000 or \$160,000 for married couples filing jointly.
Description:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act creates a new “American Opportunity” tax credit of up to \$2,500 of the cost of tuition and related expenses paid during the taxable year.
Eligibility:	To date, no further details have been released about this program. I encourage you to visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website.
Website:	www.irs.gov

Qualified School Construction Bonds (\$22 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service
Purpose:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act creates a new category of tax credit bonds for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities or for the acquisition of land on which a public school facility will be constructed.

Description:	Up to \$22 billion in qualified school construction bonds may be issued by State and local governments with half allocated in 2009 and the remainder allocated in 2010. Forty percent of the bonds will be available to the largest school districts in the country.
Eligibility:	To date, no further details have been released about this program. I encourage you to visit the U.S. Department of Education's website.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Federal Pell Grant Funding (\$15.64 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Department of Education
Purpose:	Under the Federal Pell Grant program, Pell Grants are made available to low-income undergraduate students to help offset costs associated with obtaining a postsecondary education. The Pell Grant program is the largest source of federal grant aid to postsecondary students. Pell Grants are portable, in that the aid follows students to the eligible postsecondary education institutions in which they enroll.
Description:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increases the maximum Pell Grant to \$5,350 for the 2009-2010 school year and to \$5,550 for the 2010-2011 school year.
Eligibility:	Financial need is determined by the U.S. Department of Education using a standard formula, established by Congress, to evaluate the financial information reported on the <i>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</i> (FAFSA) and to determine the family EFC.
Website:	www.fafsa.ed.gov

Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (\$1.4 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service
Purpose:	QZABs are financial instruments that local education agencies sell to finance school renovation and modernization. Interest on these bonds is paid by the federal government through tax credits to the bondholder. Bondholders are allowed to apply the credits to their federal corporate income tax or alternative minimum tax liability.
Description:	\$1.4 billion of Qualified Zone Academy Bond issuing authority to State and local governments in 2009 and 2010, which can be used to finance renovations, equipment purchases, developing course material, and training teachers and

Eligibility:	<p>personnel at a qualified zone academy.</p> <p>Eligible schools include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public schools that are either located in an Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community or in which at least 35 percent of the school’s students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch under the federal lunch program (National School Lunch Act); • public schools that have an education program designed in cooperation with business and receive a private business contribution that is not less than 10 percent of the net present value of the proceeds of the bond; or • public schools that have an education plan that is approved by their school districts and in which students are subject to the same standards and assessments as other students in the district.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/qualifiedzone/index.html
Local Contact:	<p>TN Department of Education 710 James Robertson Parkway Andrew Johnson Tower, 6th Floor Nashville, TN 37243-0382 Email: education.comments@state.tn.us Call Center: 615.741.2731</p>

Federal Funds Administered by the State of Tennessee

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title I, Part A
 (\$194 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Tennessee Department of Education
Purpose:	<p>Title I, Part A, of the ESEA authorizes federal aid to local educational agencies (school districts) for the education of disadvantaged children. Title I, Part A grants provide supplementary educational and related services to low-achieving and other pupils attending pre-kindergarten through grade 12 schools with relatively high concentrations of pupils from low-income families.</p>
Description:	<p>The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$13 billion for ESEA Title I, Part A -- \$194 million for Tennessee.</p>
Eligibility:	<p>Portions of each annual appropriation for Title I, Part A are allocated under four different formulas—Basic,</p>

	Concentration, Targeted, and Education Finance Incentive Grants (EFIG)—although funds allocated under all of these formulas are combined and used for the same purposes by recipient local education agencies (LEAs).
Website:	http://www.state.tn.us/education
Local Contact:	TN Department of Education 710 James Robertson Parkway Andrew Johnson Tower, 6th Floor Nashville, TN 37243-0382 Email: education.comments@state.tn.us Call Center: 615.741.2731

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title II, Part D (\$12 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Tennessee Department of Education
Purpose:	These funds are used to increase access to educational technology, support the integration of technology into instruction, enhance technological literacy, and support technology-related professional development of teachers.
Description:	The Title II, Part D of ESEA provides funding for education technology. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$650 million for this program nationwide.
Eligibility:	At least 95% of these funds must be allocated by the state department of education to LEAs (school districts). 50% of the funds will be distributed by formula, in proportion to Title I, Part A grants, and 50% will be award competitively. As a result, school districts will have to apply to receive a portion of these funds.
Website:	http://www.state.tn.us/education
Local Contact:	TN Department of Education 710 James Robertson Parkway Andrew Johnson Tower, 6th Floor Nashville, TN 37243-0382 Email: education.comments@state.tn.us Call Center: 615.741.2731

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (\$245 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Tennessee Department of Education
Purpose:	IDEA is the major federal statute that supports special education and related services for children with disabilities. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$11.8

<p>Description:</p> <p>Eligibility:</p>	<p>billion nationwide.</p> <p>The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides funding to states for Part B and Part C of IDEA. Tennessee will receive \$237 million in Part B funding and \$8 million in Part C funding.</p> <p>As a condition of accepting IDEA funding, the act requires that states and LEAs provide a free appropriate public education to each eligible child with a disability. The IDEA is divided into four parts. Part A contains the general provisions, including the purposes of the act and definitions. Part B, the most often discussed part of the act, contains provisions relating to the education of school aged children (grants to states) and a state grant program for preschool children with disabilities (Section 619). Part C authorizes state grants for programs serving infants and toddlers with disabilities. Part D has the requirements for various national activities designed to improve the education of children with disabilities.</p>
<p>Website:</p>	<p>http://www.state.tn.us/education</p>
<p>Local Contact:</p>	<p>TN Department of Education 710 James Robertson Parkway Andrew Johnson Tower, 6th Floor Nashville, TN 37243-0382 Email: education.comments@state.tn.us Call Center: 615.741.2731</p>

State Education Stabilization Fund (\$775 million)

<p>Agency/Administrator:</p>	<p>Tennessee Department of Education</p>
<p>Purpose:</p> <p>Description:</p> <p>Eligibility:</p>	<p>The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act created a state stabilization fund to provide funds directly to states for an education stabilization fund to prevent education-related layoffs, and to upgrade, repair and modernize schools and restore harmful cuts to education funding.</p> <p>The bill provides \$53.6 billion for this fund nationwide.</p> <p>Funding under this section will be provided to each state governor. The governor would be required to use at least 81% of the state's allocation to support elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education. The governor will also be required to provide the Department of Education with certain assurances regarding the distribution of these funds.</p>
<p>Website:</p>	<p>www.ed.gov</p>

Education Infrastructure Financial Tools

Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs) (\$1.4 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Department of Education
Purpose:	QZABs are financial instruments that local education agencies sell to finance school renovation and modernization. The interest on these bonds is paid by the federal government through tax credits to the bondholder. The bondholders are allowed to apply the credits to their federal corporate income tax or alternative minimum tax liability.
Description:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act would allow an additional \$1.4 billion of Qualified Zone Academy Bond issuing authority to State and local governments in 2009 and 2010, which can be used to finance renovations, equipment purchases, developing course material, and training teachers and personnel at a qualified zone academy.
Eligibility:	<p>Eligible schools include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public schools that are located in an Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community or in which at least 35 percent of the school’s students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch under the federal lunch program (National School Lunch Act); • public schools that have an education program designed in cooperation with business and receive a private business contribution that is not less than 10 percent of the net present value of the proceeds of the bond; or • public schools that have an education plan approved by their school districts and in which students are subject to the same standards and assessments as other students in the district.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/qualifiedzone/index.html
Local Contact:	TN Department of Education 710 James Robertson Parkway Andrew Johnson Tower, 6th Floor Nashville, TN 37243-0382 Email: education.comments@state.tn.us Call Center: 615.741.2731

Qualified School Construction Bonds (\$22 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Tennessee Department of Education
Purpose:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act creates a new category of tax credit bonds for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities or for the acquisition of land on which a public school facility will be constructed.
Description:	Up to \$22 billion in qualified school construction bonds that may be issued by State and local governments with half allocated in 2009 and the remainder allocated in 2010.
Eligibility:	Forty percent of the bonds will be available to the largest school districts in the country.
Website:	www.ed.gov

U.S. Department of Energy
[\(<http://www.doe.gov>\)](http://www.doe.gov)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides investments in areas critical to the development of clean and efficient, American energy. The Recovery Act allocates \$16.8 billion for various programs in the U.S. Department of Energy. Most of the funds are specified for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE). EERE works to strengthen the United States energy security, environmental quality, and economic vitality in public-private partnerships by supporting enhancements in energy efficiency and productivity; bringing clean, reliable and affordable energy technologies to the marketplace; and enhancing Americans energy choices.

You can visit EERE’s website at <http://www.eere.energy.gov/> to learn more about the agency. Below is a summary of some of the federal and state programs that will receive funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Through EERE’s Weatherization & Intergovernmental Program the following funds will be distributed to the states three different programs:

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (\$3.2 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
Purpose:	The program is designed to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emission, and for improvements in energy efficiency.
Eligibility:	<p>Depending on population, cities are eligible for EECBG program funds either directly from DOE or from the state of Tennessee. A city with a population of at least 35,000 or that is one of the State’s 10 highest populated cities, is eligible for a direct formula grant from DOE. A city with a population below 35,000 is eligible for a sub-grant from the state in which it is located. All cities are eligible to apply for competitive grants from DOE regardless of population.</p> <p>Depending on population, counties are eligible for EECBG program funds either directly from DOE or from the state of Tennessee. A county with a population of at least 200,000 or that is one of the 10 highest populated counties in Tennessee, is eligible for a direct formula grant from DOE. A county with a population below 200,000 is eligible for a sub-grant from the State government. County populations do not include the populations of cities within them that are eligible for direct formula grants from DOE. All counties are eligible to apply</p>

	for competitive grants from DOE regardless of population.
Website:	http://www.depweb.state.pa.us

Weatherization Assistance Program (\$102 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
Purpose:	The Weatherization Assistance Program enables low-income families to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.
Description:	By reducing the energy bills of low-income families instead of offering aid, weatherization reduces dependency and liberates these funds for spending on more pressing family issues. On average, weatherization reduces heating bills by 32% and overall energy bills.
Eligibility:	The Weatherization Assistance Program has an income requirement and you should check with your County office to determine eligibility.
Website:	http://tennessee.gov/humanserv/adfam/afs_w.htm

State Energy Program (\$59 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
Purpose:	The State Energy Program (SEP) provides grants to states and directs funding to state energy offices from technology programs in U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE).
Description:	States use grants to address energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. This program gives each state the flexibility to set its own priorities on what projects to fund.
Eligibility:	The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development will administer these funds.
Website:	http://tennessee.gov/ecd/energypolicy.htm
Local Contact:	Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Tenth Floor Nashville, TN 37243-1102 615.741.2373

Biomass Program (\$800 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
Purpose:	The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's Biomass Program works with industry, academia, and our national laboratory partners on a balanced portfolio of research in biomass feedstocks and conversion technologies.
Description:	Through research, development, and demonstration efforts geared toward the development of integrated biorefineries, the Biomass Program is helping transform the nation's renewable and abundant biomass resources into cost competitive, high performance biofuels, bioproducts, and biopower.
Eligibility:	To date, no details have been released about potential funding opportunities. I encourage you to visit the Biomass Program website.
Website:	http://www.eere.energy.gov/biomass/

Geothermal Technologies (\$400 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
Purpose:	The Geothermal Technologies Program (GTP) develops innovative geothermal energy technologies to find, access, and use the nation's geothermal resources.
Description:	Through research, development, and demonstration efforts that emphasize the advancement of enhanced geothermal systems (EGS), GTP is working to provide the United States with an abundant, clean, renewable baseload energy source.
Eligibility:	To date, no details have been released about potential funding opportunities. I encourage you to visit the Geothermal Technologies Program website.
Website:	http://www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal

Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy (ARPA-E) (\$400 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Department of Energy
Purpose:	ARPA-E was created as part of the America COMPETES Act, authored by Congressman Gordon, in 2007.
Description:	It is designed to support transformational energy technology research projects with the goal of enhancing the nation's economic and energy security.
Eligibility:	To date, no further information is available.
Website:	www.doe.gov

Vehicle Technologies (\$400 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
Purpose:	Vehicle Technologies Program professionals work with industry leaders to develop and deploy advanced transportation technologies that could achieve significant improvements in vehicle fuel efficiency and displace oil with other fuels that ultimately can be domestically produced in a clean and cost-competitive manner.
Description:	Program activities include research, development, testing, demonstration, technology validation, technology transfer, and education.
Eligibility:	To date, no details have been released about potential funding opportunities. I encourage you to visit the Office Vehicle Technologies website.
Website:	http://www.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/

Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability (\$4.5 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
Purpose:	The mission of the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE) is to lead national efforts to modernize the electric grid; enhance security and reliability of energy infrastructure; and facilitate recovery from disruptions to energy supply.
Description:	Whether it is on the supply side, to enable the delivery of clean energy sources such as renewables, clean coal, and nuclear power, or on the demand side, in developing a new smart grid and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, OE is working to ensure our grid retains its standing as the most effective and efficient in the world.
Eligibility:	To date, no details have been released about potential funding opportunities. I encourage you to visit the Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability websites.
Website:	http://www.oe.energy.gov/ http://www.oe.energy.gov/ourwork.htm

Fossil Energy Research and Development (\$3.4 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Office of Fossil Energy
Purpose:	The Office of Fossil Energy is responsible for several high-priority initiatives including implementation of the \$2 billion, 10-year Clean Coal Power Initiative to develop a new generation of environmentally sound clean coal technologies, and the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve and Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve, both key emergency response tools available to the President to protect Americans from energy supply disruptions.
Description:	To date, no details have been released about potential funding opportunities. I encourage you to visit the Office of Fossil Energy websites.
Websites:	http://www.fossil.energy.gov/ http://www.fossil.energy.gov/business/Business_Opportunities.html

Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (\$1.6 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service
Purpose:	The Energy Policy Act of 2005 created a tax-credit bond to finance qualified renewable energy facilities. Unlike normal bonds, CREBs are tax credit bonds and they pay the bondholders by providing a credit against their federal income tax. In effect, the CREBs will provide interest-free financing for certain renewable energy projects. Since the federal government essentially pays the interest via tax credits, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) needs to allocate such credits in advance to the lending authorities.
Description:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act authorizes an additional \$1.6 billion for these bonds. Furthermore, this new authorization is subdivided into thirds: 1/3 will be available for qualifying projects of State/local/tribal governments; 1/3 for qualifying projects of public power providers; and 1/3 for qualifying projects of electric cooperatives.
Eligibility:	Qualified facilities are those that generate electricity from the following sources: wind; closed-loop biomass, open-loop biomass, geothermal, small irrigation; hydropower; landfill gas; marine renewable; and trash combustion facilities.
Website:	This website provides guidance on how the program was previously administered: http://www.irs.gov/irb/2009-06_IRB/ar09.html

Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds (\$2.4 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service
Purpose:	The Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds are tax credit bonds similar to Clean Renewable Energy Bonds. These bonds are available for a different type of qualified renewable energy project.
Description:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$2.4 billion and modifies this bond program so qualified energy conservation bonds may be issued to make loans and grants for capital expenditures to implement green community programs and can be used for programs in which utilities provide ratepayers with energy-efficient property and recoup the costs of that property over an extended period of time.
Eligibility:	The definition of qualified energy conservation projects is fairly broad and contains elements relating to energy efficiency capital expenditures in public buildings; renewable energy production; various research and development applications; mass commuting facilities that reduce energy consumption; several types of energy-related demonstration projects; and public energy efficiency education campaigns. For more information you can visit the IRS website or call the IRS toll free at (800) 829-1040.
Website:	http://www.irs.gov

ENERGY STAR Tax Credits (\$300 million)

Agency/Administrator:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy
Purpose:	ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy, helping individuals and families save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices. Existing law provides a tax credit equal to 10% of the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer for qualified energy efficiency improvements installed during the taxable year. The credit is capped depending on what item is purchased. Congress must reauthorize these tax credits periodically.
Description:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act extends these tax credits through 2010. In addition, it increases the amount of the tax credit to 30% of qualified energy efficiency improvements during the taxable year. Furthermore, this legislation implements a flat tax credit rate cap of \$1,500 on all qualifying purchases.

Eligibility:	For information on what home improvements qualify for this tax credit and how to access these credits, you will need to visit the ENERGY STAR website or call the ENERGY STAR Hotline at (888) 782-7937.
Website:	http://www.energystar.gov

Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property (\$54 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service
Purpose:	The alternative refueling property credit provides a tax credit to businesses (example: gas stations) and individuals who install alternative fuel pumps, such as fuel pumps that dispense E-85 fuel, electricity, hydrogen, and natural gas.
Description:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increases the current 30% alternative refueling property credit for businesses (capped at \$30,000) to 50% (capped at \$50,000). Hydrogen refueling pumps would remain at a 30% credit; however, the cap for hydrogen refueling pumps is increased to \$200,000. In addition, the Recovery Act increases the alternative refueling property credit for individuals from 30% to 50% (capped at \$2,000).
Eligibility:	In previous years, individuals who were seeking this tax credit had to submit an IRS Form 8911 when they filed their taxes. The following website provides guidance on how the tax credit was administered in the 2007 tax year, http://www.irs.gov/irb/2007-22_IRB/ar10.html , or you can call the IRS toll free at (800) 829-1040.
Website:	http://www.irs.gov

Plug-in Electric Drive Vehicle Credit (\$2 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service
Purpose:	Late last year, Congress passed a law providing a tax credit for qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles.
Description:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act modifies this existing law by limiting the maximum credit to \$7,500 regardless of vehicle weight and eliminates the credit for vehicles weighing 14,000 lbs or more.
Eligibility:	To date, no further details have been released about this program. I encourage you to visit the IRS website or you can call the IRS toll free at (800) 829-1040.
Website:	http://www.irs.gov

Advanced Energy Investment Credit (\$2.3 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Department of Energy
<p>Purpose:</p> <p>Description:</p> <p>Eligibility:</p>	<p>A qualified advanced energy project is one that re-equips, expands, or establishes a manufacturing facility for the production of property designed to be used for advanced energy purposes.</p> <p>The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act establishes a new 30% investment tax credit for facilities engaged in the manufacturing of advanced energy project.</p> <p>Projects include property designed to be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To produce energy from the sun, wind, or geothermal deposits or other renewable resources • Fuel cells, microturbines, or an energy storage system for use with electric or hybrid-electric motor vehicles • Electric grids to support the transmission of intermittent sources of renewable energy, including storage of such energy • Property designed to capture and sequester car dioxide • Property designed to refine or blend renewable fuels (excluding fossil) or to produce energy conservation technologies • Other advanced energy property designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as determined by the Secretary. <p>Qualified property must be depreciable property used in a qualified advanced energy project. Qualified property does not include property designed to manufacture equipment for use in the refining or blending of any transportation fuel other than renewable fuels.</p> <p>Credits are only available for projects certified by the Secretary of Treasury & Secretary of Energy through a competitive bidding process. 180 days after enactment, the Secretary of Treasury must establish a certification program.</p>
Websites:	<p>http://www.ustreas.gov</p> <p>http://www.energy.gov</p>

Parity for Transit Benefits

Agency/Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service
Purpose:	Current law provides tax-free fringe benefits employers can provide to employees for transit and parking. Those benefits are set at different dollar amounts.
Description:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act would equalize the tax-benefit employers can provide for transit and parking. The proposal sets both the parking and transit benefits at \$230 a month for 2009, indexes them equally for 2010, and clarifies that certain transit benefits apply to federal employees.
Eligibility:	For information about how the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) administered this program in 2008, you can view IRS Publican 15-B at http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p15b_08.pdf .
Website:	http://www.irs.gov

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
(<http://www.hhs.gov>)

Community Health Centers (\$2 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Health Resources and Services Administration
Purpose:	These funds will be used to increase the number of uninsured Americans who receive quality healthcare and renovate clinics and make health information technology improvements. More than 400 applications submitted earlier this year for new or expanded CHC sites remain unfunded.
Description:	These funds are to be used to support new sites and service areas, to increase services at existing sites and to provide supplemental payment for spikes in the uninsured.
Website:	http://www.hrsa.gov
Contacts:	HRSA Contact Information Atlanta Regional Division Lisa Mariani Phone: 404-562-4140

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

[\(http://www.dhs.gov/\)](http://www.dhs.gov/)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides additional funding to one program within the Department of Homeland Security that Middle Tennessee fire stations have benefited from and can continue to do so.

Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program (\$210 million)

Agency/Administrator:	U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA
Purpose:	Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.
Description:	The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations.
Eligibility:	Eligible recipients of B&I loans are cooperative organizations, corporations, partnerships, or other legal entities organized and operated on a profit or nonprofit basis; Indian tribes on a Federal or State reservation or other federally recognized tribal groups; a public body; or an individual.
Website:	http://www.firegrantsupport.com/afg
Contacts:	U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program 5th Fl. Techworld Bldg. 500 C St. SW Washington, DC 20472 Phone: 1-866-274-0960 E-mail: firegrants@dhs.gov

Emergency Food and Shelter Program (\$100 million)

Agency/Administrator:	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Purpose:	The Emergency Food and Shelter Program began in 1983 with a \$50 million federal appropriation. The program was created by Congress to help meet the needs of hungry and homeless people throughout the United States and its territories by allocating federal funds for the provision of food and shelter.

Description:	The program is governed by a national board composed of representatives of the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; United Jewish Communities; The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Salvation Army; and United Way of America. The Board is chaired by a representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
Eligibility:	Additional money will be given to the organizations listed above. The national board will allocate these additional funds to local agencies through an established federal formula based on unemployment, population and poverty data.
Website:	www.dhs.gov

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
[\(<http://www.hud.gov>\)](http://www.hud.gov)

Community Development Block Grant Program (\$1 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Purpose:	Communities receiving CDBG funds are permitted to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed to revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services.
Description:	The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development administers formula grants to entitled states, cities and counties to develop viable communities. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocates \$1 billion for this program.
Eligibility:	Priority will be given to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days. To apply for these funds, you will need to contact the community agency that receives these federally allocated funds. You will find a list of communities that receive CDBG funds on page 9 of this guidebook.
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs
Local Contact:	HUD Nashville Field Office 235 Cumberland Bend Suite 200 Nashville, TN 37228-1803 Phone: (615) 736-5600 Email: TN_Webmanager@hud.gov Fax: (615) 736-7848 Phone: (866) 503-0264 William (Bill) H. Dirl Field Office Director

Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grants (\$2 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Purpose:	The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) will provide emergency assistance to state and local governments to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight. NSP provides grants to every state and certain local communities to purchase foreclosed

Description:	<p>or abandoned homes and to rehabilitate, resell, or redevelop these homes to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes. Communities with a HUD risk score of six and above or significant subprime lending are eligible for these competitive funds.</p> <p>The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$2 billion for this grant program. Funds are administered in a similar fashion as the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).</p>
Website:	<p>http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/</p>

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (\$2.25 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Purpose:	<p>HOME provides formula grants to States and localities that communities use, often in partnership with local nonprofit groups, to fund a wide range of activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or ownership, or provide direct rental assistance to low-income people. HOME is the largest federal block grant to State and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households.</p>
Description:	<p>The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$2.25 billion to support the HOME Investment Partnership Program. These funds are administered in a way similar to the Community Development Block Grants. To apply for these funds, you will need to contact the community agency that receives these federally-allocated funds. A list of those communities is on page 9 of this guidebook.</p>
Website:	<p>http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/</p>

Build America (Tax Credit) Bond

Agency/Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service
Purpose:	<p>For 2009 and 2010, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides State and local governments the option of issuing a tax credit bond instead of a tax-exempt governmental obligation bond. Because the market for tax credits is currently small, this provision will allow State or local governments to elect to receive a direct</p>

Description:	<p>payment from the federal government equal to the subsidy that would have otherwise been delivered through the federal tax credit for bonds.</p> <p>The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act creates a new “Build America Bond” tax credit to help State and local governments finance certain infrastructure projects. This program is unique because it will provide a tax credit bond in lieu of a tax-exempt bond.</p> <p>Tax credit bonds differ from tax-exempt bonds in two ways: (1) interest paid on tax credit bonds is taxable; and (2) a portion of the interest paid on tax credit bonds takes the form of a federal tax credit. The federal tax credit offsets a portion of the cash interest payment that the State or local government would otherwise need to make on the borrowing.</p>
Website:	http://www.irs.gov

Recovery Zone Bonds

Agency/Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service
Purpose:	<p>The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act creates a new category for tax credit bonds for investment in economic recovery zone. The Recovery Act authorizes \$10 billion in recovery zone economic development bonds and \$15 billion in recovery zone facility bonds.</p>
Description:	<p>These bonds could be issued during 2009 and 2010. Each state will receive a share of the national allocation based on that state’s job losses in 2008 as a percentage of national job losses in 2008. These allocations would be sub-allocated to local municipalities.</p> <p>Municipalities receiving an allocation of these bonds would be permitted to use these bonds to invest in infrastructure, job training, education and economic development in areas within the boundaries of the State, city or county that has significant poverty, unemployment or home foreclosures.</p>
Website:	http://www.irs.gov

New Markets Tax Credits

Agency/Administrator:	Internal Revenue Service
Purpose:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides an additional \$5 billion for the New Markets Tax Credits program. The New Markets Tax Credit (NMTTC) Program permits taxpayers to receive a credit against federal income taxes for making qualified equity investments in designated Community Development Entities (CDEs).
Description:	Substantially all of the qualified equity investment must in turn be used by the CDE to provide investments in low-income communities. The credit provided to the investor totals 39 percent of the cost of the investment and is claimed over a seven-year credit allowance period. In each of the first three years, the investor receives a credit equal to five percent of the total amount paid for the stock or capital interest at the time of purchase. For the final four years, the value of the credit is six percent annually. Investors may not redeem their investments in CDEs prior to the conclusion of the seven-year period.
Website:	http://www.irs.gov

Supplemental Grants to Public Housing Authorities for Capital Needs (\$4 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Department of Housing and Urban Development
Purpose:	This funding will provide financial assistance to Public Housing Authorities (PHA) to implement much needed capital improvements in public housing.
Description:	\$3 billion would be administered through the current grant process and \$1 billion would be administered through a new competitive grant process. The new process would provide funding to projects that rehabilitate units to improve energy efficiency, that increase affordable housing projects that are ready-to-go, and address the housing needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities.
Eligibility:	Projects that can award contracts, based on bids, within 120 days from the date that funds are available to the recipients would be given priority.
Website:	http://www.hud.gov

Public Assisted Housing Stability and Energy Efficiency (\$2.25 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Department of Housing and Urban Development
Purpose:	This program provides funding for energy-efficient renovations and retrofits of Section 202, Section 811, and Section 8 units.
Description:	Public housing authorities are eligible to apply through a competitive bid process. A local housing agency can attach up to 20% of its voucher assistance to specific housing units if the owner agrees to either rehabilitate or construct the units, or the owner agrees to set aside a portion of the units in an existing development.
Website:	http://www.hud.gov

U.S. Department of the Interior
(<http://www.hhs.gov>)

Bureau of Land Management (\$305 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Health Resources and Services Administration
Purpose:	This funding is for the management of lands and resources under the Bureau’s jurisdiction. The Bureau should select individual projects based on a prioritized process which weighs the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs in the shortest time and which creates lasting value.
Description:	Projects can include deferred maintenance, abandoned mine and well site remediation, road and trail maintenance, watershed improvement, and high priority habitat restoration.
Website:	http://www.hrsa.gov/

Wildland Fire Management (\$15 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Bureau of Land Management
Description:	These funds will be used for high priority hazardous fuels reduction projects on federal lands.
Eligibility:	Funds will be distributed at the Bureau’s discretion and are not available for applicants.
Website:	www.grants.gov

Historic Preservation Fund (\$15 million)

Agency/Administrator:	National Park Service
Description:	These funds will be used for historical preservation competitive grants for historically black colleges and universities.
Eligibility:	Funds will be available through competitive grants administered through the Department of Interior
Website:	www.grants.gov

Department of Interior Construction (\$589 million)

Agency/Administrator:	National Park Service
Description:	Funding would be used for major facility construction, road maintenance, abandoned mine cleanup, equipment replacement, and preservation and rehabilitation of historic assets.
Eligibility:	The Department of Interior will have the discretion to award funding for projects currently backlogged.
Website:	www.grants.gov

Surveys, Investigations and Research (\$140 million)

Agency/Administrator:	United States Geological Survey
Description:	The surveys should consider a wide variety of activities, including repair, construction and restoration of facilities, equipment replacement and upgrades, national map activities, and other critical deferred maintenance and improvement projects.
Eligibility:	Discretionary funding will be administered through the United States Geological Survey.
Website:	www.usgs.gov

Operation of the National Park System (\$146 million)

Agency/Administrator:	National Park Service
Description:	These funds will be used for operations of the national park system. Eligible projects to be funded in this account include, but are not limited to, repair and rehabilitation of facilities and other infrastructure, trail maintenance projects and other critical infrastructure needs.
Eligibility:	The selection of individual projects will be by the National Park Service. It will be based on a prioritization process that weighs the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs and creates lasting value.
Website:	www.usgs.gov

U.S. Department of Justice
[\(<http://www.doe.gov>\)](http://www.doe.gov)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act includes \$4 billion for U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funding to enhance state, local, and tribal law enforcement. For information about DOJ's plan to administer Recovery Act funds, you should visit its website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>. Information about programs that will receive Recovery Act funds are listed below.

Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution (\$225 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Office on Violence Against Women
Description:	Funding for Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs will be available until September 30, 2010. \$175 million is for the STOP Violence against Women Formula Assistance Program. \$50 million is for transitional housing assistance grants.
Eligibility:	Grants will be distributed by the federal agency. State and local units of government and non-profit non-governmental victims' services programs may apply.
Websites:	STOP Violence Against Women Program: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm Transitional Housing Assistance Grants: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm

Byrne Competitive Grants (\$225 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Office of Justice Programs
Description:	Funding is for competitive, peer-reviewed grants to units of State, local, and tribal government, and to national, regional, and local non-profit organizations to prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crimes, and support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth.
Eligibility:	Grants will be distributed by the federal agency.
Website:	https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/

Program: Rural Law Enforcement (\$125 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Office of Justice Programs
Description:	Funding is for grants to combat the persistent problems of drug-related crime in rural America. Funds are available on a competitive basis for drug enforcement and other law enforcement activities in rural states and rural areas, including the hiring of police officers and for community drug prevention and treatment programs.
Eligibility:	Grants will be distributed by the federal agency.
Website:	https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov

Program: Victims Compensation (\$100 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Office of Justice Programs
Description:	Funding is for formula grants to be administered through the Justice Department's Office for Victims for Crime to support State compensation and assistance programs for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, drunk driving, homicide and other federal and state crimes.
Eligibility:	Grants will be distributed by the federal agency.
Website:	https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov

Program: Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program (\$50 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Office of Justice Programs
Description:	Funding will help State and local law enforcement agencies enhance investigative responses to offenders who use the Internet, online communication systems, or other computer technology to sexually exploit children.
Eligibility:	Grants will be distributed by the federal agency.
Website:	https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov

U.S. Department of Labor
[\(<http://www.dol.gov>\)](http://www.dol.gov)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided funding to four programs aimed workforce development in the Department of Labor.

National Emergency Grant Program (200 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Employment and Training Administration
Purpose:	The Labor Department's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits.
Description:	The Office of National Response administers three discretionary grant programs for eligible entities serving areas of high unemployment or high poverty and experiencing major economic dislocations. National Emergency Grants: Temporarily expands service capacity at the State and local levels through time-limited funding assistance in response to significant dislocation events. Trade Adjustment Assistance: Designed to assist individuals who have become unemployed as a result of increased imports from, or shifts in production to, foreign counties. Rapid Response Services: Helps workers and employers deal with the effects of layoffs and plant closures, including those that result from increased competition from imports, natural disasters, and other events.
Eligibility:	These services are primarily provided through state and local workforce development systems.
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/layoff
Local Contacts:	Barbara Boyd - TAA Training Coordinator Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development Employment Security Division Special Programs Unit 220 French Landing Drive Nashville, Tennessee 37243 Phone: 615-253-6670 Fax: 615-741-6106 E-mail: Barbara.J.Boyd@state.tn.us

	Joe W. Fults Director Dislocated Worker Unit/Rapid Response Team Tennessee Workforce Development Davy Crocker Tower, 12 th Floor 500 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37245-0658 818-253-5868 Fax: 615-741-3003 Email: joe.w.fults@state.tn.us
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YouthBuild Program

(\$50 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Employment and Training Administration
Purpose:	The primary target populations for YouthBuild are adjudicated youth, youth aging out of foster care, and out-of-school youth.
Description:	YouthBuild is a highly successful alternative education program that assists youth who are often significantly behind in basic skills with obtaining a high school diploma or GED credential.
Eligibility:	To date, no further details about this program have been released. You should visit the U.S. Department of Labor YouthBuild website.
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/YouthBuild.cfm

High Growth Job Training Initiative (\$750 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Employment and Training Administration
Purpose:	This initiative is a strategic effort to prepare workers to take advantage of new and increasing job opportunities in high growth, high demand and economically vital sectors of the American economy.
Description:	\$500 million of the total allotment must be used for research, labor exchange and job training activities that prepare workers for careers in health care, energy efficiency and renewable energy fields.
Eligibility:	To date, no further details have been released about this program. You should visit the U.S. Department of Labor High Growth Job Training Initiative website.
Website:	http://www.doleta.gov/BRG/JobTrainInitiative/

Office of Job Corps (\$250 million)

Agency/Administrator:	U.S. Department of Labor Job Corps
Purpose:	Through a nationwide network of campuses, Job Corps offers a comprehensive array of career development services to at-risk young women and men, ages 16 to 24, to prepare them for successful careers.
Description:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$250 million for construction, rehabilitation and acquisition of Job Corps Centers.
Eligibility:	To date, no further details have been released about this program. I encourage you to visit the U.S. Department of Labor Job Corps website.
Website:	http://www.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx

U.S. Department of Transportation

<http://www.dot.gov>

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allocates more than \$45 billion for our nation's highways, bridges and transit systems. Nearly all of these funds will be distributed to the states based on existing formulas.

National Surface Transportation Grant Program (\$1.5 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	U.S. Department of Transportation
Purpose:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act appropriates \$1.5 billion for the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation to administer a supplemental discretionary grant program for a national surface transportation system. These funds remain available through September 30, 2011.
Description:	This competitive grant program applies to projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area or region.
Eligibility:	Eligible projects include but are not limited to, highway or bridge projects eligible under title 23, including interstate rehabilitation, improvements to the rural collector road system, reconstruction of the overpasses and interchanges and public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49. State and local governments or transit agencies are able to apply for funding under this program.
Website:	http://www.dot.gov

Facilities and Equipment (\$200 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Federal Aviation Administration
Purpose:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$200 in supplemental funding for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to make infrastructure improvements.
Description:	Funds shall be used to make improvements to power systems, air route traffic control centers, air traffic control towers, terminal radar approach control facilities, and navigation and landing equipment.
Eligibility:	Priority will be given to projects that can be completed within 2 years. 60 days after enactment, the FAA Administrator is required to establish a process for applying, reviewing and awarding grants and cooperative agreements.
Website:	http://www.faa.gov

Airport Improvement Program - Grants-In-Aid for Airports (\$1.1 billion)

Agency/Administrator:	Federal Aviation Administration
Purpose:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$1.1 billion for airport infrastructure. The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation will administer the funds through a discretionary grant program.
Description:	The Secretary is required to award 50% of the funds within 120 days of enactment and award the remaining amounts no later than one year after enactment.
Eligibility:	Airports must be part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) to be eligible for funding. Priority will be given to projects that can be completed within 2 years and serve to supplement and not supplant planned expenditures from airport-generated revenues or from other State and local sources. All projects must comply with subchapter 1 of chapter 471 and subchapter 1 of chapter 475 of title 49.
Website:	http://www.faa.gov

Capitol Investment Grants - New Starts Program (\$750 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Federal Transit Administration
Purpose:	The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) discretionary New Starts program is the federal government's primary financial resource for supporting locally-planned, implemented, and operated transit "guideway" capital investments. From heavy to light rail, from commuter rail to bus rapid transit systems, the FTA's New Starts program has helped to make possible hundreds of new or extended transit fixed guideway systems across the country.
Description:	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$750 million in discretionary grants for this program. Priority shall be given to projects currently in construction or are able to obligate funds within 150 days. These funds will remain available through September 30, 2012.
Eligibility:	To date, no further details have been released about this program. You should visit the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) website.
Website:	http://www.fta.dot.gov

Federal Funds Administered by the State of Tennessee

Highways and Bridges (\$572 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Tennessee Department of Transportation
Description:	The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) will receive budget authority for 50% of the state's federal share of highway and bridge funds no later than 21 days after February 17, 2008, when the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act became law. Federal-aid program funds are provided to the state on a reimbursement basis only. 120 days after the funding authority is allotted to the state, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation has the authority to redistribute any un-obligated funds to other states that have already obligated their federal share of funds.
Eligibility:	TDOT is required to give priority to projects that can be completed in a 3-year period and located in an economically distressed area. An economically distressed area is defined as an area where the per capita income is 80% or less of the national average and where the recent unemployment rate is at least 1% greater than the national average.
Website:	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm

Transit (\$72 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Tennessee Department of Transportation
Description:	The State's federal share of transit funding has two important differences compared to the highway and bridge funds. Priority must be given to transit projects or activities that will be completed within a 2-year period and the U.S. Secretary of Transportation can redistribute un-obligated funds 180 days after the State receives its share.
Eligibility:	For specific details on how TDOT will administer the State's share of federal funds and to ensure highway, bridge and transit projects in your community receive full and fair consideration, you will need to contact your local TDOT office and MPOs/RPOs.
Local Contacts:	TDOT Region 3 Office 6601 Centennial Blvd. Nashville, TN 37243-0360 Phone: 615.350.4300 Regional Director Winston Gaffron winston.gaffron@state.tn.us

Department of Treasury
(<http://www.ustreas.gov>)

Community Development Financial Institution Programs

Agency/Administrator:	Department of Treasury
Description:	The Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program was established by the Reigle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 to use federal resources to invest in and build the capacity of CDFIs to serve low-income people and communities lacking adequate access to affordable financial products and services.
Eligibility:	An organization wishing to apply must be either already certified as a CDFI or be able to become certified by the Fund within two years of its application.
Website:	http://www.cdfifund.gov/what we do/programs id.asp?programID=7

Small Business Administration

<http://www.sba.gov>

Small Business Provisions (\$636 million)

Agency/Administrator:	Small Business Administration
Purpose:	Small Business is the engine that drives our economy. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$636 million to the Small Business Administration (SBA) and makes changes to the agency's lending and investment programs so they can reach more small businesses needing help.
Description:	This program provides \$636 million for new direct lending and guarantee authorities under the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 504 certified development company (CDC) program, which provides growing businesses with long-term; fixed-rate financing for major fixed assets, such as land and buildings. Additional provisions for small businesses can be found in the tax section of this document.
Eligibility:	The SBA would be authorized to guarantee up to 90% of small business loans originating under the 504 program, and to refinance such loans.
Website:	http://www.sba.gov